



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Adrian, MI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Adrian was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Adrian (population 22,215) was once Lenawee County's central service hub and center for manufacturing employment. The exodus of industry, followed by a decline in the commercial sector, however, has left Adrian with a landscape dotted by brownfields that threaten not only economic and social life, but also an aquifer which the city depends on for drinking water. Although the city experienced a marginal increase in population between 1990 and 2000, the number of residents with higher education decreased by 25 percent. The gap between the state median household income and the median



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Adrian for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and Phase II site assessments, conduct baseline environmental assessments, and draft brownfields redevelopment plans. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks focusing solely on petroleum-contaminated sites.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

household income of Adrian residents has continued to widen. Assessment and revitalization of the city's brownfields properties is expected to attract private-sector investment for affordable housing and commercial projects, generating revenues and employment opportunities for the city's residents.